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RED WOLVES AT WORK TO REND LABOR

WHILE the price of silver is soaring beyond any range it has it reached in recent years the Bolsheviks are interrupting the silver industry in Utah and creating conditions which result in the destruction of mines. We may be sure that if they were among us in greater numbers they would shift from what may be described as a negative policy of destruction to a positive policy, as in Russia and Germany.

When we think of what the Reds have done at Park City and Eureka our minds revert to those woeful scenes in Munich when the Reds were in power. Under the leadership of Willie Hausmann, a ruthless demon, unoffending men and women held as hostages, were shot to death, and Unholy Willie strutted through the tragedy smoking a cigarette and laughing as if blood went to his head like wine. From the dregs of society such men arise whenever the law is submerged and anarchy reigns. They have their little day, as did the communists of 1871 in Paris, and then mercifully are removed from the scrutiny of appalled and discouraged humanity.

We need not flatter ourselves that we have no Willie Hausmanns among the Bolsheviks and Sparticans who are stirring up labor troubles among us. They speak softly and hypocritically in public so long as the law affrights them, but when they have overthrown the law they are ready to light their cigarettes, and begin the slaughter of innocents with laughter. All appeals to reason, to virtue, to humanity are lost upon them, and yet they appear before us as evangels of reason and humanity.

If Utah were so foolish as to permit this class to gain a footing here it would deserve to see repeated the scenes which have made Petrograd, Moscow, Ufa and Munich places of horror. We have had our warning in the bombs that were sent to some of our leading men through the mail. The whole nation has had its warning.

We have no wish to pass upon the merits of any wage question raised in Park City or Eureka. It may very well be that the increasing market for silver will warrant a restoration of the wage scale or even a higher scale.

An increase of wages, while it might satisfy the law-abiding workers, would simply augment the rage of the revolutionaries. The last thing they desire is a peaceful settlement. What they want is destruction of the present order of society, the destruction of our national and state governments and the establishment of Lenine and Trotzky rule throughout our land. To temporize with them is to invite disaster.

It is argued that the best way to stamp out Bolshevism is to remove the causes of Bolshevism. It is a pleasing epigram, but it proposes a different task. The well meaning who employ it probably will tell us that the causes of Bolshevism are unemployment, low wages as compared with prices, profiteering and the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few.

It is a mistake.

Some of our most active Bolsheviks, in a secret way, are rich

idlers in New York City and elsewhere who have helped to finance the Reds. Many of them are women. We may concede that they are dominated by their sympathies; certainly their brains have been as idle as their hands.

What, then, are the causes of Bolshevism? Contempt for the moral law, atheism, idleness, lack of education, vice, desire to attain ease and pleasure without working for it, envy, class hatred, paid propagandists and agitators and brainlessness. These are the primary causes. The secondary causes are the ills of the social and industrial order.

Society can remove the secondary causes after years of thought and struggle. Necessarily it will be a slow process. Nothing good ever was attained in a day.

Only the brainless believe that progress can be made by sudden destruction. We move from the lower to the higher, from the bad to the better only by discovering improved methods. And after we have eliminated one evil we find that new conditions have confronted us with other evils. We build up a new order of society and imagine that the millenium has arrived, when, to our surprise and dismay, unexpected ills spring out of the new order. Thus life is always a battle.

We may raise wages to the last penny that can be spared and yet we cannot increase the happiness of the slaves of vice or of folly. An increase in wages or a complete change in the economic system does not eliminate the prodigal son or the wayward daughter. It does not cure cancer, drunkenness or degeneracy, or ward off epidemics.

We would not be so foolish as to argue that an improvement in economic conditions does not make for happiness; we are simply trying to show that no change in system can eradicate the ills that produce most of the misery.

So much for the theory. Now for the facts.

We have seen Bolshevism triumph in Russia and put its new system in force. The result has been a universal increase in misery. A system may be discovered better than the one we possess, but we have learned by experience that Bolshevism is not that system.

And yet there are those who would Bolshevize America.

SUPREME IMPERIAL PRESIDENT.

OUR respects to Jaffer Koolis Kahn, Tartar chieftan of the principality of Nakhiechevan, at the foot of Mount Ararat, where lived the late Mr. Noah, pioneer. Peace be unto him and may his tribe increase and may his shadow never grow less in all the land from the Caucasus to the Tigris and the Euphrates.

Jaffer Koolis Kahn has addressed a letter to "the imperial representative, the supreme president of the United States," hailing him as "your supreme highness," and humbly asks that the United States accept a mandate to administer the affairs of the principality.

In that remote land, where princes have seen the rise and fall of empires and where they know imperialism when they see it, the reign-

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